



**PLS System Meeting – Summary**  
**April 15, 2011**  
**@ Pioneer Library System**

Beth Gladding, **AHill**; Jeanne Ruter, Jan Peterson, **AVO**; Laurie Newell, **BLO**; Diana Thorn, **BRI**; Renate Goff, **CAL**; Mary Ferris, Jenny Goodemote, **CAN**; Terry Dearing, **DAN**; Beth Horn, Tanya Thompson, Debbie Elliott, **GPL**; Cathy Allen, **LIM**; Theresa Streb, **LYO**; Darlene Virkler, **MAC**; Tracy Whitney, **MAR**; Sharon Stanley, **MM**; Blanche Warner, **NAP**; Elly Dawson, Stacey Wicksall, **NEW**; Sandra Hulen, Christina LaTerra, **ONT**; Patricia Baynes, Sheila Koeberle, **PAL**; Janet Rossman, **PER**; Deb Dennis, **PHE**; Allen Tompkins, **RC**; Donna Norris, **ROS**; Carol Garland, **SOD**; Angel Wright-Sackett, **SS**; Pat Evans, Lynne Madden, **VIC**; Sarah Matthews, **WADS**; Mary Zingerella, Liz O'Toole, **WAL**; Michelle Byrne, Jennie Cantwell, **WIL**; Dottie Patt, **WOL**; Cassie Guthrie, Betsy Morris, Ellen Reynolds, Lindsay Stratton, Bob Wicksall, Aaron Zsembery, Jim Frey, Jeanne Hayes, **PLS**.

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**Birds of a Feather: Facebook – 6 attendees**

**Announcements**

Cassie (PLS): Announced that the update on the 2010 construction grant awards is that there is no update! The applications are still at DASNY, and DLD is pressuring them to complete the review.

Ellen (PLS): Group order for four videos on brain injury produced by the Brain Injury Association of New York. They are free. If interested, contact Nancy Herzig at PLS [nherzig@pls-net.org](mailto:nherzig@pls-net.org) Deadline is April 29th:

(1 )Keep Moving Forward: Children with Brain Injuries. 2011

(2) Coming Home: Families, Courage, and Resilience after Brain Injury. 2010

(3) Beyond the Invisible: Living with Brain Injury. Recounts experiences of three veterans who sustained brain injury in battle. 2008

(4) Living in the Moment. Documentary about three individuals with brain injury. 2004

◆ The YSS conference at the Holiday Inn Rochester Airport, April 29

Lindsay (PLS): ◆Libraries can discontinue submitting Last Copy Deleted information via email ([cataloging@pls-net.org](mailto:cataloging@pls-net.org)) or the form on Twiki/PLUM! Aaron created a report that keeps track of last copies.

◆Reminder: OWWLAC mtg, Tues 4/26 @1:30pm.

Bob (PLS) demonstrated updates to the Browse Reports tool, which is integrated into the staff client. He showed how to access the Evergreen Reporter and PLS Custom reports by library. The *Monthly New Users* is now a custom report and includes more data than the previous report, including a sheet for patron records with missing data. He also showed the Ad Hoc report, *Patron email addresses with spaces* report: only emails belong in this field, adding notations i.e. (Mom) will not work and will bounce back. If patron has 2 emails, separate them with a comma. He reminded everyone that the generic monthly report covers monthly circ for all libraries and includes renewals. Evergreen Reporter reports have multiple outputs; excel, html, etc. PLS custom reports are currently only available in Excel output.

Aaron (PLS): Windows 7 seems to be working fine with PAC 1 updates.

Cathy (LIM): Recently held library programs were a reminder that being a librarian is worth it. One was a sketching/oil painting class for seniors. The last two 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes visiting the library discussed Earth Day topics. One child, noting that library materials were free, asked how the library paid for them. That led to a discussion of tax supported libraries.

Beth (Central Library): Three upcoming OWWL2go classes: 4/20 at BLO, 4/27 at LYO, 5/17 at WAL.

Betsy (PLS) shared a story about Cindy's latest encounter at the DMV. The clerk noted that Cindy was on library business and wondered how much pull she had—he wanted more OWWL2go eBooks, eBooks, eBooks!

Jenny (CAN): Wood's new opening celebration is May 1 from 1-5pm, ribbon-cutting at 2pm. The library Friends are pulling together a fundraiser/walk, going from the temporary location back to the Wood Library. Other news: Jenny is pregnant!

Terry (DAN): The concrete is poured and new building construction continues. Reminder: When doing new building construction—get a lawyer—the process is too complex to attempt without one.

Angel (SS): Discovered [www.librarybookfair.com](http://www.librarybookfair.com) —a free site that helps libraries raise money and purchase books from MidAmerica Books. They provide literature for promoting. After a very short time, the library raised \$250.

Jeanna (AVO) introduced new children's librarian Jan Peterson.

Liz (WAL) reminded everyone of the YSS conference at the Holiday Inn Rochester Airport, April 29. Theme is Rochester in Bloom. Author Susan Campbell Bartoletti will be the luncheon speaker and Elizabeth Burns, co-author of Pop Goes the Library: Using Pop Culture to Connect with Your Whole Community, will provide the keynote speech. [Still time to register.](#)

## Program

### Why Early Literacy?

Facilitator: Ellen Reynolds

Presenters: Cassie Guthrie (PLS), Lynne Madden (VIC), Christine LaTerra (ONT), Stacey Wicksall (NEW); AWE representative Joan Wicks, Senior Account Specialist, who demonstrated the Early Literacy Station.

**AWE demonstration – Joan Wicks** Contact info: [wicksj@awe-net.com](mailto:wicksj@awe-net.com)

- Handouts: FAQs for grants, grant potential sources, AWE in the Library
- New website: [www.awelearning.com](http://www.awelearning.com)
- Some PLS libraries have the Early Literacy Station & is heavily used (Newark, Geneva, Ontario, Perry)
- Some features of Early Literacy Station
  - Touch screen
  - Smaller mouse for smaller hands and do not need to “click”
  - Color coded keyboard
  - No internet connection needed
  - Headphones available
  - 50 programs
- Can pull up usage stats via the Internet (do not need Internet to use the ELS) to see what programs are being used and how many users
- 5 of the Read to Me programs offer language options (Spanish, French, German, English)
- Admin settings for volume control, using programs for certain days, timed sessions, etc.
- Screen saver can be tailored and used to thank donors, advertise upcoming library programs, etc.
- Basic Cost \$2800 includes 3-yr extendible warranty, \$350/year new release license with options (ELF program for 6-14yrs, bilingual option, loaner program)

### **Cassie – Easy Low Cost Ideas for Integrating Early Literacy into Library Spaces**

- Self-service and simple ideas are low cost, do not require more staff time, and may increase door count!
- PowerPoint link on Twiki: <http://plum.pls-net.org/twiki/bin/view/Members/Meetings/SystemMeeting20110415>
- Review of 6 Early Literacy Skills:
  - Print Motivation (interest in and enjoyment of books)
  - Vocabulary (knowing the names of things)
  - Letter Knowledge (learning that letters look different, and have different names and sounds)
  - Print Awareness (learning that in English we read from left to right, and from top to bottom)
  - Phonological Awareness (the ability to hear and manipulate the smaller sounds in words)
  - Narrative Skills (a child's ability to understand and tell stories)

- More info:
  - <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/workshops/earlylitkits/caterpillar-low.pdf>
  - <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/workshops/earlylitkits/links.html>
  - <http://www.earlylit.net/libraryenvironment/index.shtml>

### **Lynne Madden, Victor Free Library**

- Made decision to begin including early literacy programming as result of training from PLS “Growing a Reader” - Train the Trainer Workshop – based on PLA program “Every Child Ready to Read”.
- Has done training at area daycares to help those providers implement early literacy skills in their programs. Their workers have to have training hours and this counts. Uses PLS training kit.
- Uses materials that helps explain the 6 literacy skills in a simple and fun way. Take home for parents/care provider.
- Incorporates the 6 literacy skills in the summer reading program and in a Mother Goose storytime
- Upcoming: May 4 – Every Child Ready to Read (2<sup>nd</sup> edition) Webinar, see <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/ecrr/index.cfm>

### **Christine LaTerra, Ontario Public Library: Babies Love Books**

- 15-20min program that includes parent / care provider
- Includes songs, patty-cake, board books, etc. keeps it informal and it is o.k. for babies to make noise
- Includes tactile elements, such as shaker toys that rattle and light-weight see-through scarf for throwing over heads
- This program helps get parents back into the library and Christine has noticed parents are more comfortable bringing babies into the library
- Provides opportunity for networking for mothers who sometimes feel isolated

### **Stacey Wicksall, Newark Public Library – The Edge**

- handout The Edge: a kindergarten readiness story time focusing on early literacy skills. Winter 2010/2011 lists activities, crafts, songs, books and how the 6 pre-literacy skills tie in to each.
- uses interactive activities and crafts for helping to learn patterns, counting and fine motor skills, colors, recognizing letters and numbers, sound awareness of letters, etc.
- it is good to plan more projects than you think you’ll need
- some favorite craft supplies are mounting putty (aka fun tack), lacing cards, dice, popsicle sticks
- storytime can be sponsored by an alphabet letter
- nametags for each child to pick up every time they attend, helps with recognizing their name for them and you